

**SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

**1. Call meeting to Order - 7:00 p.m.**

The Special Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Chairman Albert Schulteis led with the Pledge of Alliance.

**A. Official Meeting Notification** -Chairman Schulteis reported that notices of all meetings had been sent to the West Bend News, Hartford Times Press, WBKV, WTKM, Milwaukee Journal and posted at the Town Hall, Highway View School, the Cedar Lake Hills bulletin boards and on the website.

**B. Roll Call** - Board members present: Chairman Albert Schulteis, Supervisor Harold Groth, Treasurer Shirley Kissinger and Clerk Catherine Whelan. Supervisor Theodore Merten was excused. List of guests. (See page # ).

**II. Budget Hearing** - Chairman Schulteis opened the public input portion of the meeting, any comments or questions can be heard at this time, regarding the 2010 budget.

**Rod Bartlow - 2780 County Hwy. CC** - questioned why the revenue for Licenses & Permits showing an increase over last years budget.

Chairman Schulteis advised we raised the fees for permits and licenses. The fees for licenses and permits were so far behind the other towns in the area that we had to increase to help pay for these services. The bright light, is that the people that use the service pay for the service and we don't have to collect extra money from the property tax.

**Rod Bartlow - 2780 County Hwy. CC** - questioned under General Buildings, why the telephone budget went down.

Chairman Schulteis stated after we had gone to other providers to lower our cost for telephone service AT&T found out about it and offered to decrease our telephone bill approximately \$385 to \$127 per month for one year contract with the same system.

**Rod Bartlow - 2780 County Hwy. CC** - commented why on General Buildings the budget went from \$6,000 to \$15,000.

Chairman Schulteis stated that the roof might need to be repaired or redone this next year.

Chairman Schulteis stated the Local Road Improvement Program will pay 50% of the road project planned for Pioneer Road through the marsh from Scenic to Performance Roofing. The LRIP expense item shows \$28,000 and in revenue LRIP shows the \$14,000 we will receive from the grant as soon as the project is completed.

The State cut our Shared Revenue by about \$12,000 and the Fire Departments went up \$10,000.00.

Chairman Schulteis advised, we need ways to decrease our expenses. We negotiated a new recycling contract with Veolia lowering our monthly rate by \$100.00 per month. Since an extra cardboard, paper container was sometimes full but other times empty, Veolia decided they would leave the extra container in our recycling center and only charge the \$30.00 each time full.

Chairman Schulteis commented it is anyone guesses on what this winter will bring regarding snow and ice.

We had about 400 ton of salt left last Spring and received another 400 ton of salt leaving our salt shed completely full. We have 800 Tons of salt in reserve if we have a mild winter we may not need to order any salt for next fall.

Clerk Whelan advised the Town's mill rate is up by one cent to 54 cents per thousand since last year's budget. The total amount to be collected from property tax is \$339,541.00 a difference of \$6,731 a percentage change of 2.02% increase.

Chairman Schulteis stated the legislators' allowed Town's a 3% increase but deducted the amount we would get from annexed land and computer aids from the formula leaving us with a 2.02% increase. This does not cover the \$10,000 increase in fire protection and the cost of running a recycling center or the increase in the cost of salt need in the winter. With the economic going backwards and the legislators holding us to a 3% increase in the levy, after deductions we are left with a 2.02% increase. The revenues for services decreased leaving money for expense to be taken from our reserve.

Chairman Schulteis asked if there were anymore questions or comments, with none the public input portion of the Public Hearing was closed.

### **III. Adjournment**

Motion made by Supervisor H. Groth to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Chairman A. Schulteis. Motion carried.

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Catherine Whelan, Town Clerk

## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

### **I. Call Town meeting to Order - following Special Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. after the public hearing and the special town meeting of the electors. The special town meeting was called to order by Chairman Albert Schulteis for the proposed 2010 budget.

### **II. Authorize the Town Board to hire elected officials as part-time employees pursuant to Section 60.37 (4) Wis. Statutes by setting the hourly wage to be paid - (see Page # )**

Chairman Schulteis stated he has worked for the Town as a part-time snow plower and mechanic since 2007. In order for him to continue when needed the electors must approve a resolution to allow an elected official to make up to \$5,000.00 per year, by setting an hourly rate per Wis. Statutes.

Rod Bartlow made a motion to approve a Resolution allowing an elected official to make up to \$5,000.00 per year by setting an hourly rate not to exceed \$15.00 per hour, seconded by Karen Reiter.

Chairman Schulteis asked for a vote by show of hands. Eight in favor - zero opposed. Motion carried.

### **III. Authorization to Spend in Excess of \$5,000 per mile for Highway expenses -**

Karen Reiter made a motion to approve the Highway budget of \$178,350.00 seconded by Rod Bartlow. Chairman Schulteis asked for a show of hands - Eight in favor - zero opposed. Motion carried.

The budget does not exceed the \$5,000 per mile allowed for highway expenses..

### **IV. Adopt Town Tax Levy**

A motion was made by Rod Bartlow and seconded by Karen Reiter to adopt the town levy of \$339,541 for 2010. All approved. Motion carried.

### **V. Adjourn**

Karen Reiter moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion was seconded by Rod Bartlow. Motion carried.

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Catherine Whelan, Town Clerk

## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

**I. Call Special Town Board meeting to Order - following public hearing and special town meeting of electors** - Chairman A. Schulteis verified a quorum. Chairman Schulteis reported that notices of all meetings had been sent to the West Bend News, Hartford Times Press, WBKV, WTKM, Milwaukee Journal and posted at the Town Hall, Highway View School, the Cedar Lake Hills bulletin boards and on the website.

Present: Chairman A. Schulteis, Supervisor H. Groth, Treasurer S. Kissinger and Clerk C. Whelan. Supervisor T. Merten was excused. See list of guests. (See page # ).

### **II. Discussion on the decision by the Electors to authorize or denying the Town Board to hire elected officials as part-time town employees pursuant to Sections 60.37 (4) Wis. Statutes by setting the hourly wage to be paid -**

Supervisor H. Groth motioned to approve a resolution to hire elected officials as part-time town employees pursuant to Section 60.37 (4) Wis. Statutes by setting an hourly wage not to exceed \$15.00 per hour, up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 per year, seconded by Chairman A. Schulteis. Motion carried.

### **III. Discuss & Adopt 2009 Budget -**

Chairman A. Schulteis advised the levy in the amount of \$339,541 was approved by the electors. The Town's mill rate is .54 per thousand.

The purpose of this meeting is to discussion and adopt the 2010 budget for the Town of Polk.

A motion was made by Supervisor H. Groth to approve the 2010 budget, seconded by Chairman A. Schulties. Motion carried.

### **III. Adjourn -**

Supervisor H. Groth made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Chairman A. Schulteis. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Catherine Whelan, Town Clerk